Appointment of permanent CMD for GAIL

287. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "CVC seeks action against GAIL acting Chief" in the Times of India dated 1st June, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether a permanent CMD has been appointed so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The vigilance status in respect of Shri J.K. Jain is in correspondence with the CVC and the same is yet to be settled.

(c) No permanent CMD has been appointed so far.

Smuggling of Petroleum Products into the Country

288. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of petroleum products are smuggled into the country;

(b) if so, the total quantity of these products coming into the country and the source of the areas from where they are smuggled;

(c) what action is being taken to check this smuggling; and

(d) whether this channel of products affect the local distribution system and if so, the details thereof?